

Brother Shively writes that he has many good things that he would like to tell the readers of the *EVANGELIST*, but can not find time to tell them now. We shall be anxiously looking for this news. Brother Shively reports their camp meeting a success, seven conversions.

Sister Cotterman, Farmersville, Ohio, on Tuesday of this week brought her daughter to Ashland, where she will enroll as a student in the College. That is as it should be. The school needs your support, and while that means some of your money at least, it also means your boys and girls. Let the school have both.

One of the Meyersdale papers has the following among its editorial local items: Rev. J. H. Knepfer of Meyersdale was again honored by the National Conference of the Brethren church, which met at Winona Lake, Indiana, that body again choosing him as moderator. It is a well deserved compliment to an able man.

Next week brother J. A. Miller, President of Ashland College, expects to be present at the Pennsylvania State Conference which meets at Conemaugh. We trust the Brethren of Pennsylvania will give Brother Miller a hearty reception and some very substantial encouragement in behalf of Ashland College. The editor expects to attend the State Conference at Roann, Ind., held on the same days as that in Pennsylvania.

Brother P. M. Swinehart who has been spending his vacation since National Conference with his parents and friends at Lattasburg, Ohio, called on us Tuesday of this week. On Wednesday morning he returned to his field of labor in Somerset County, Pa., purchasing a lot on College Hill before leaving. There are still a few lots left in the first row facing the College buildings, and we trust other Brethren will avail themselves of this opportunity, and make an investment.

On Sabbath afternoon, Brother Miller in company with a number of other brethren drove to Mansfield, where the ordinance of baptism by trine immersion was administered to a lady who became a member of the Brethren church at this place. It was the Sabbath when a few of the Dowie preachers were mobbed and shamefully treated, and it did not seem any too safe to enter Mansfield on such a mission on that day, tho Brother Miller and his company were not disturbed and returned home Sunday night feeling that good had been accomplished.

In our Young People's Department, Brother Furry calls attention, in his characteristic way, to a matter of special importance to every young people's society in the brotherhood. Let every organization take up this work and prosecute it as speedily as possible. "The king's business requires haste," and this is the business of the King of kings, and should have the immediate attention of the young people thru-out the brotherhood. There are other suggestions in the communication by Brother Furry which we trust will not escape notice.

Brother Talley sends us a Directory for the Foreign Missionary Society and General Missionary Board of the Brethren church. This is a capital idea, and would have been printed last week, but some changes have been made in the address of one of the officers, and we have decided to wait until we have the correct addresses of all members, and then publish each week a Directory that will, in connection with the national organization, give a complete Directory of all the State Conferences. We therefore request the names and addresses of both Moderators and Secretaries of all the State Conferences in the brotherhood.

#### Communion Notice

The Brethren composing the Poplar Grove church, Ind., will hold their communion service on Monday evening, Oct. 8, 1900. A cordial invitation is extended to all of like precious faith to come with us.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

## Brief Notes

It is not enough that we should start well in the Christian life, tho that is a good deal; we must *continue* in it, there must be growth and progress. It is he that continues and is faithful to the end that is saved.

A meeting for Christian workers is soon to be held in Chicago at which will be gathered leaders from all over the country who will discuss the outlook and devise means and methods for promoting a general revival during the coming year. Conditions have changed considerably during the past decade and a conference as to methods is a wise thing. The advent of the bicycle and the extension of street car lines has caused many new attractions which have operated temporarily against church work. The world has not grown so much worse as some would have us believe. By adapting ourselves to the new social conditions we may still win an abundant harvest of souls. May the conference at Chicago be guided by the Spirit of God.

The supreme court of Oklahoma has decided that, pending an appeal, county officers dare not grant licenses to saloon-keepers. Heretofore when a license was protested because of violations of the law by saloon-keepers they would delay trial as long as possible and meanwhile run their saloons. Now they must close until the trial is over, and in consequence they are interested in pushing their trials as fast as possible. They are a contemptible lot at best and all their pretensions of being law-abiding count for little in the face of the fact that they persist in a business which is destructive of the decent and law-abiding element in man.

The advent of the shirt waist for men has caused a great deal of comment pro and con but in spite of comment the fashion has grown in popularity. A great many fashions are silly in the extreme but this one appeals to us to be a move in the right direction. Why should men be compelled to swelter in coat and vest on hot days when they can have a comfortable attire which will be just as neat and handsome when once we are accustomed to it? At first only the bold few will dare attempt the innovation but may it become general.

The city council of Chicago has submitted a long list of questions to the public to ascertain their wishes as to public ownership and control of street railways and other public enterprises. This is a commendable move even if it does come from a council proverbially corrupt. The tendency of the times is toward public control of all public and quasi-public enterprises. England and other European countries have advanced very much farther in this direction than the United States. The question of honesty on the part of public officials seems to be the greatest difficulty in the way. It will in time be settled and the public will have the benefit of the profits which now enrich monopolies.

The Prohibition candidates for president and vice-president are going to make a tour of the country in a special car. This has been the method of Mr. Bryan in getting before the people. The facilities for travel and communication are making it more and more possible for leaders to mould public opinion. This possibility is open of course to bad leaders as well as good ones but only the pessimist will groan over this, because right is more powerful than wrong and the truth will gain possession of the field.

The anti-saloon league reports that it must spend more money fighting county officers in getting them to enforce the law than is necessary in any other way. This is a sad reflection on our republican form of government but a knowledge of just such facts is needed to awaken the people to their duty in selecting only reliable men for public office, however small the office be. Seeing the need clearly is not far from supplying it.

## Quiet Observer

It was my good fortune to be able to attend General Conference this year. It is a privilege greatly to be desired. To anyone who puts character above property and is more interested in the kingdom than in things, the money and time necessary to attend will seem well invested. I think that no one who came in the proper spirit went away without a blessing. Of course there are always a few who do not understand and consequently misinterpret some things, but only an evil-minded person will think evil where evil is not positively known. It has been my privilege to attend a great many religious conferences both in the Brethren church and out, but I can truly say that in none have I seen a more Christian spirit thru-out than in this one.

One thing that impressed me was the high character of the delegates present. There was not a sign of pride or immorality anywhere. Not a stove-pipe hat appeared, nor a fulsome cigar. Not an angry or complaining word came to our ears, and this too in spite of some inevitable inconveniences. We did hear however from outsiders that no more appreciative and patient crowd had yet appeared on the grounds. It seems that the residents and park officials have a genuine welcome for the Brethren because they have learned to love them. If this report goes out to all the thousands who gather at Winona from summer to summer the good that will be done will be incalculable.

It may not so appear to others but to Quiet Observer one of the best sights of the conference was that of the many children who were brought along. Acquaintances were formed among them which will last thru life. They had a meeting on the boat and on the platform together and are growing up with training which will enable them to efficiently fill the places of their seniors when they are gone. Let the number be increased from year to year.

It was noticeable too that the Brethren church is progressive in its treatment of women. The number of lady delegates was very large and the moderator voiced a general sentiment one day when he had occasion to remark, "We think a great deal of our sisters." Their special meetings were both spiritual and business like and their papers were able. Other churches may quibble over the admission of lay and women delegates to conference but with the brethren it is an established principle.

There was as much or more perhaps this year than ever before to try the wisdom and Christian forbearance of the conference, but never did there seem to be a more general desire to do the right thing. Discussions which a few years ago might have caused serious division this year ended in peace and harmony. After all is not this the training we need for heaven. Only as we learn to live together in harmony are we fitted for permanent dwelling together.

Another gratifying feature was the absence of cranks and hobby-riders. There was a little effort in this direction to be sure, but surprisingly little and not enough to affect the conference. There was nothing sensational about the meeting. The devotional meetings were marked by deep earnestness and enthusiasm and the business sessions were thoughtful and business-like. Much that used to waste the valuable time of the conference is now wisely done thru committees.

All in all I feel glad that the conference is to be located permanently at Winona. If we figure it out, it will cost those of us who are west and those of us who are east no more to go every year to the center than it would to go one year west and one year east. We will have all the advantages of a beautiful and central and cheap and permanent location. Now let us make ourselves at home. Let us help to beautify the place in every way and next year come to the first conference of the new century prepared to report the best year's work in our history and make the next one better still.